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1. I SHARE AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S CONCERN (REF A) AT

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THE LACK OF MOMENTUM IN OUR OFFSET AND BURDENSARING

NEGOTIATIONS. THE SITUATION DEMANDS HARD DECISIONS ON OUR PART AS TO WHAT IS REALISTICALLY ATTAINABLE AND FOR A CONCENTRATED, TEAM EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE USG AT THE CABINET LEVEL TO GET THE MAXIMUM WE CAN BEFORE OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION ERODES FURTHER. WHILE I HEARTILY ENDORSE AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S SUGGESTIONS FOR RESTORING MOMENTUM IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, I DO NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED WITHOUT A THOROUGH-GOING REVIEW OF OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION IN LIGHT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE, OUR CHANGED BOP POSITION, THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT. I AGAIN URGE THAT WE SEEK QUICKLY TO CONCLUDE THE BILATERAL OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GERMANS ON THE BASIS OF ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS SET FORTH IN BONN 16467.
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